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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following reference(s) be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

U.S. Patent No.	6,393,233	05/21/2002	Soulier
U.S. Patent No.	6,229,286	05/08/2001	Tokuyama
U.S. Patent No.	4,349,879	09/14/1982	Peddie et al.
U.S. Application No.	2003048007	03/13/2003	Cordner et al.
PCT Application No.	WO 0118932A	03/15/2001	Thomsen et al.

The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and a copy of

the foreign reference is also enclosed herewith.

This submission, is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references

constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant expressly retains the

right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior

art.

Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent

application is respectfully requested.

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this belief is that no Office Action on the merits appears to have been received by the

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Respectfully submitted,

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